

REMARKS

Claims 9-16 are pending in this application. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for entering the preliminary amendment filed on February 12, 2002.

Regarding the Examiner's remark regarding priority (starting on page 2 of Office Action), the Applicant submits that the right of priority was properly submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.55 (see also MPEP 201.14, 201.14(a)). This has now been reflected in the amended Specification.

Claims 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for not particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention. Claims 9, 14 and 16 were amended to provide antecedent basis to the rejected limitations. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Melen et al.* (US Patent 5,956,391) in view of *Kravitz* (US Patent 6,029, 150). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The cited references, alone or in combination, do not disclose the display system recited in the claims. Specifically, *Melen* does not disclose the limitation of "interrupting, at least briefly, access to the Internet starting from the switching office after confirmation of the order" as recited in claims 9 and 16. While the Examiner referenced the Internet (11) and the switching office (4) in the Office Action (see page 4, bottom 2 lines), there is no mention of interrupting the access to the Internet starting from the switching office after confirmation of an order.

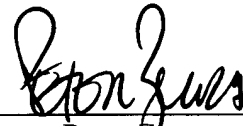
Also, *Melen* does not disclose "establish a menu-prompting billing access to the switching office of a telephone network operator in order to register, with respect to billing, the order within a respective terminal-related telephone account file via processing of the services for use of the telephone network" as recited in claims 9 and 16. In fact, *Melen* makes no mention of menus anywhere in the disclosure. Furthermore, the passage relied upon by the Examiner (col. 7, lines 3-8) merely discloses a re-switching number (C) to route messages to an output side device location (C') to establish an entry point to the router (see FIG. 2, ref. 2, col. 6, line 62 to col. 7, line 27). The "updated" billing record discussed in col. 7, lines 3-5 refers to the derived C-number, and not to the user's subscriber number (A-number). Therefore, *Melen* does not disclose the aforementioned limitations. Also, *Kravitz* does not solve the deficiencies of *Melen*,

and, as such, cannot form a basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103. For at least these reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9-16 are patentable, and that the be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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